# QGIS Application - Feature request #3373 fTools buffer geoprocessing error with certain data

2010-12-28 10:54 AM - samrae29 -

| Status:                         | Closed                                |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Priority:                       | Low                                   |  |
| Assignee:                       | cfarmer -                             |  |
| Category:                       | Processing/QGIS                       |  |
| Pull Request or Patch supplied: |                                       | Resolution: fixed  |
| Easy fix?:                      |                                       | Copied to github as #: 13433   |
| Description                     |                                       |  |
| Buffering fails if sh           | napefile has two columns with the s   | ne name. This error did not occur in previous QGIS releases (v1.2 ?), but has been |
| found in QGIS 1.6               | ).                                    |  |
| Steps:                          |                                       |  |
|                                 | dialog: Vector > Geoprocessing too    | s > Buffer(s)  |
| • • • • •                       | er selected has two columns with th   |  |
|                                 | file and buffer distance e.g. 0.0005, |  |
| 4. For "Would you               | like to add the new layer to TOC?"    | click Yes  |
| 5. Geoprocessing                | dialog then returns:                  |  |
| Error loadings out              | put shape files                       |  |
| C:/QuantumGIS-1                 | .6/foo.shp                            |  |
| Ticket request:                 |                                       |  |
| 1. Short-term. A m              | nore user-friendly error message ex   | aining that there is a problem with duplicate column names                         |
| 2. Buffer tool to ha            | andle shapefiles with duplicate colu  | n names?   |
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|                                 |                                       |  |

### History

#1 - 2010-12-29 06:38 AM - Giovanni Manghi

are two columns with the same name allowed?

### #2 - 2010-12-30 02:01 AM - Tim Sutton

Replying to [comment:1 lutra]:

are two columns with the same name allowed?

According to the spec as far as I know you may not have duplicate column names, but users don't always follow the spec and the buffer tool should at least give the user some feedback as to why creation of the buffer failed.

Tim

#### #3 - 2011-03-07 04:24 PM - cfarmer -

- Resolution set to fixed

- Status changed from Open to Closed

This ticket is actually a duplicate of #3148, which has been closed as of commit:c08e1a42 (SVN r15386). [[QgsVectorFileWriter]] should now handle duplicate names more gracefully, and where it does not, fTools now issues an error message.

As always, please update and test to confirm this issues has been resolved. If not, please reopen the ticket.

Regards,

Carson

## #4 - 2017-05-01 01:23 AM - Giovanni Manghi

The "ftools" category is being removed from the tracker, changing the category of this ticket to "Processing/QGIS" to not leave the category orphaned.

Files

sample\_data.tar.gz

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